

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF ECW-15J

VIA EMAIL

Ellis Mitchell City Manager City of Benton Harbor 200 East Wall Street Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 emitchell@bhcity.us

Re: EPA Inspection of a City of Benton Harbor (PWS ID MI0000600) in (Berrien County, Michigan)

Dear Mr. Mitchell;

On September 20, 2021 through the 27th the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the Benton Harbor community water system (PWS ID MI0000600) Public Water System located in (Berrien County, Michigan). The purpose of the inspection was to make observations about the site conditions, operation, and monitoring of the System to evaluate compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and regulatory requirements. The inspection was conducted in coordination with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and a copy is enclosed with this letter.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to work with you to provide drinking water that meets or exceeds national drinking water standards. Discussions are ongoing between EPA and EGLE on the appropriate corrective actions for each observation documented in the enclosed Inspection Report. Should you find anything in the report that you disagree with, or you wish to provide an update, please provide a detailed response within 30 days after receipt of the inspection report.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter or believe any part of the report is not accurate, please contact Jonathan Moody of my staff at (312)-886-7570 or by email to moody.jonathan@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth
Murphy
Date: 2021.10.27
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Elizabeth Murphy Chief, Section 3

Water Enforcement and Compliance, Assurance Branch

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